to elect the Deputy President. Recently the franchise for elections to the Council was enlarged. Fresh seats for election to the Legislative Council have also been opend.

Scheme of Constitutional Reforms.

304. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether a petition, memorial or representation embodying a scheme of Constitutional Reforms to be introduced was submitted to the Diwan President in the Legislative Council signed by most of the non-official Members of the first Legislative Council;

(b) when and by whom was it prsented to the Diwan President;

(c) how many non-official Members had subscribed their signature thereto;

(d) whether the scheme of Constitutional Reforms presented will be printed and placed on the table;

(e) what action has been taken thereon?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) On 3rd August 1926 by some of the non-official Members of the Council. (*Appendix IV*).

(c) 28.

(d) Copy laid on the table.

(e) It was reserved for the consideration of the Government.

Respecting the wishes of the non-officials.

305. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the occasions on which the Government had respected the wishes of the non-official majority (as distinguiseed from a majority of officials and nonofficials) even in cases where the non-official resolution has been lost by a vote of the whole House?

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Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Government regret that in the absence of fuller details it is not possible to answer the question.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to give at least one instance in which such a thing has been done ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—As a matter of fact the names of the members who vote for and against a motion are not recorded in this office except when a poll is taken. Other wise all that is recorded is whether a motion has been carried or not.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—That answer is there. My present supplementary question is whether the Government is in a position to give at least one instance in which it has respected the wishes of the non-officiai majority of this House where a non-official resolution has been lost by a vote of the House ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I want notice.

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